



# Informational Notes for EMDs and Local Officials

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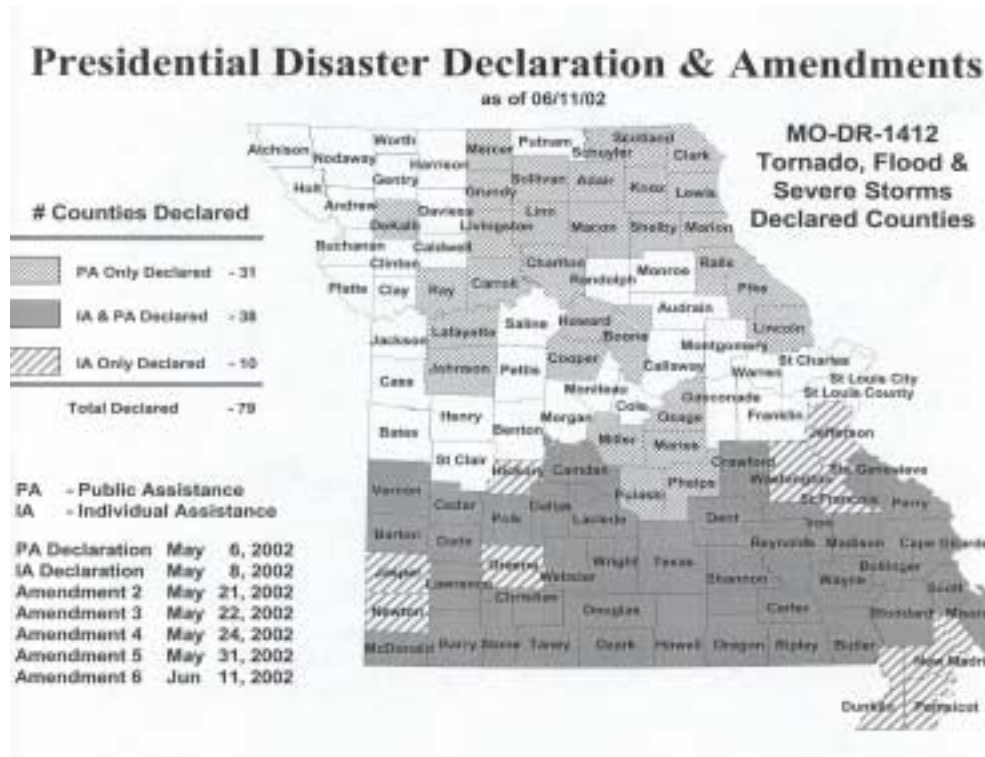
## 79 Counties Declared for Disaster Assistance from Spring Storms

April tornadoes in Southeast Missouri and Statewide flooding in May garnered a Presidential Disaster Declaration for both Individual Assistance and Public Assistance. A total of 79 Counties are eligible to receive Disaster Assistance for either Individual and/or Public Damages. The incident period is April 24-June 10. No additional counties will be added to the disaster declaration.

Missouri counties where **both forms of assistance** are available are Barry, Barton, Bollinger, Butler, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Cedar, Christian, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Howell, Iron, Laclede, Lawrence, Madison, McDonald, Mississippi, Oregon, Ozark, Perry, Polk, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Wayne, Webster, and Wright.

Counties declared for **Individual Assistance only** are Dunklin, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Jefferson, New Madrid, Newton, Pemiscot, St. Francois, and Washington.

Counties eligible for **Public Assistance only** are Adair, Boone, Carroll, Chariton, Clark, Cooper, Dekalb, Grundy, Howard, Johnson, Knox, Lafayette, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Maries, Marion, Mercer, Miller, Osage, Phelps, Pike, Pulaski, Ralls, Ray, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby and Sullivan.



## **COADs Provide Disaster Relief for Individuals**

Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COADs) are proving to be an effective tool for immediate and long-term disaster relief. Recent disasters in Missouri and in other states have shown that immediately organizing community agencies and resources after a disaster in order to help people can make all the difference to disaster survivors. Organizing **before** a disaster is far better still. COADs are an outgrowth of the MOVOAD and the Disaster Recovery Partnership. For more information call Dante Gliniecki, SEMA, Statewide Volunteer Coordinator 573-526-9132.

## **Community Mass Care Management Debuts in August**

Community Mass Care Management will be presented beginning at 8 a.m., August 8-9, at the American Red Cross Building, 211 West Armour Boulevard, Kansas City. This provides emergency management and volunteer personnel the knowledge and skills necessary to perform effectively as mass care coordinators. Increasing mass care options at the community level will result in greater readiness for population protection and higher quality management of mass care needs.

Deadline to register for this new course is August 1. Send your completed application to Susan Rhoades, Assistant State Training Officer, P. O. Box 116, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or fill out the application online at <http://www.sema.state.mo.us/rj.htm>.

## **Paducah NWS Tests E-Spotter in June**

**Ricky Shanklin, Warning Coordination Meteorologist,  
National Weather Service Paducah KY**

The Paducah NWS office tested creating an additional real-time method of receiving spotter reports. This system is intended to supplement, not replace the spotter hotline. The system was tested June 12 with at least 60 spotters signing up to participate in the test.

Spotter participants registered on line and were given access to e-spotter test program. Spotters could log in and start submitting control test reports for two hours. After the initial control report, spotters were asked to submit more reports using the regular "Submit Storm Report" with fictitious information.

Spotters were told the system might experience errors or periods of unavailability during this informal testing time. After the two-hour test period, the system was closed so the Paducah office could evaluate the results.

## **State Agency Terrorism Tabletop Exercise Set for July**

A Bioterrorism exercise for all state agencies has been set for July 10 at SEMA. The control group running the exercise is from New York City. The SEOC will be activated as if this is a real response. Participants in the daylong exercise have been asked to bring agency procedures and discs with background information.

Participating agencies include Office of Administration, Public Safety, Agriculture, Mental Health, DNR, Transportation, Social Services, Conservation, Corrections, Attorney General, Water Patrol, Fire Safety, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Adjutant General, Highway Patrol and Health and Senior Services.

## Missouri TIER TWO Reporting Status as of 5/31/02

### Comparative Analysis

	FY2002 / RY2001	FY2001 / RY2000	FY2000 / RY1999	RY1998 / FY1999
Funds rec'd thru end of May	\$ 660,560	\$ 672,085	\$ 688,608	\$ 650,065
Total \$ rec'd	\$ 660,560	\$ 677,132	\$ 690,772	\$ 655,661
% rec'd thru end of March		99.25%	99.69%	99.15%
\$ distributed to Counties (65%)		\$ 440,136	\$ 449,002	\$ 426,180
Total Tier Two Reports filed		7669	7729	n/a
Tier Two Reports E-filed or Linked	5075	4497	n/a	n/a
Tier Two Reports E-filed or Linked		59%	n/a	n/a

### Citizen Corps Council Update

President Bush is launching the Freedom Corps initiative. He is asking Americans to commit at least two years-or 4,000 volunteer hours to strengthen their communities. Bush wants to support community-based efforts through the proposed Citizen Corps. This broad network of volunteer efforts will harness the power of the American people by relying on their individual skills and interests to prepare local communities to effectively prevent and respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, or any kind of disaster. Part of this effort will be Citizen Councils.

Citizen Corps Councils are integral to building Citizen Corps programs within each community by arranging necessary training and providing information for public education and awareness efforts. Working with state and federal agencies, Councils will coordinate **Citizen Corps programs such as Volunteers in Police Service, Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps, Operation TIPS and Community Emergency Response Teams** at the local level. Councils can include leaders from emergency management, law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, businesses, volunteer and faith-based organizations, and other relevant groups such as schools, places of worship, health care institutions, and the transportation sector.

The key to success is to use existing collaborative inter-agency networks such as a local COAD whenever possible. This will prevent duplication or fracturing of efforts and build greater support among agency representatives. Communities should not re-invent the wheel!

Starting a Citizen Corps Council in an area should begin by assessing what collaborative efforts are already underway. Look at the big picture. Is there an existing COAD or caring community or human services agency network or a local emergency planning committee? Can the Citizen Corps Council be included in an existing organization? A thoughtful well-planned effort will create the groundwork for the long-term security and emergency preparedness of Missouri's communities, cities and neighborhoods.

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## Enrollments Needed in These Courses

7/16/02	ICS Intermediate in Chesterfield Tools of Floodplain Management at the SEOC ICS Basic in Harrisonville
7/23/02	Multi Hazard Safety Program Disaster Related Needs of Seniors in St. Louis
8/6/02	Public Works Preparing and Responding to Terrorism in Kansas City
8/8/02	Community Mass Care Management in Kansas City
8/13/02 ICS	Advanced in Cape Girardeau
8/20/02 EOC	Management and Operations in St. Louis

**NOTE:** SEMA Training Officer Jim Charrier said next year's class offerings (beginning Oct. 2002-Sept. 2003) should be published on the web by the end of July.

## Area Coordinator Quarterly Meeting Schedule

Area C (Derek Lohner) 10 a.m., June 26 at the St. Louis County EMA Office in Chesterfield  
Area D (Candy Adams) 10 a.m., July 11, location TBA in Joplin  
Area F (Tome LeComte) 10 a.m., June 26 Cooper County Law Enforcement Center, Booneville  
Area I (Brenda Heidbreder) 10 a.m., June 25, Doolittle Community Center, Doolittle

## MERC Commissioners Meet July 9

The quarterly meeting of the Missouri Emergency Response Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2002. The meeting will be held at the Ike Skelton Training Site, National Guard Armory Auditorium, 2302 Militia Drive, Jefferson City, MO and will start at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be open to the public. The agenda has not been determined at the time of this publication. For more information, contact the MERC at 800-780-1014.

## LEPC Grant Applications Due July 15

LEPCs are reminded that they need to have their CEPF and HMEP funding grant applications completed and **returned to the MERC by July 15<sup>th</sup>** this year instead of the customary September 15<sup>th</sup>. The MERC staff has stated that there are **two basic areas that are often left incomplete** on the grant apps. They are **1. Signatures:** all grant the LEPC Chair and the County Presiding Commissioner must sign applications. In the case of an LEPC, the Presiding Commissioner from each of the member counties must sign the grant application. **2. Omission of detailed information** (either on the application or on additional sheets as needed) regarding LEPC fund expenditures from the prior fiscal year. Any omissions on the applications can result in a delay of disbursement of the available funds. Questions should be directed to the MERC staff at 800-780-1014.